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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) by Express Mail is the complete patent application of Noriyoshi Takeya, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISCRIMINATING OPTICAL DISKS, executed on October 20, 2003.

- 1. An application consisting of 22 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 6 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X 2. A newly executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- X 3. An Assignment of the invention to Samsung Electro-Mechanics Co., Ltd., is enclosed, together with a Recordation Cover Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.31 and our check including the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recordation fee. Please record this Assignment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.11.
- X 4. Priority of Application No. 2002-319058, filed in Japan on October 31, 2002, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy of the priority document is attached.

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